

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide infrastructure for the development of communications and to promote distance education in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes Sir, there is a proposal to provide infrastructure for the development of telecommunications in Bihar by BSNL which could also be used for promoting distance education.

(b) The details to provide infrastructure for the development of telecommunications are as under please.

- i) Opening of 110 nos. of new small rural exchanges.
- ii) Expansion of the capacity of the existing exchanges by 140800 lines
- iii) Providing 170000 new telephone connections.
- iv) Providing reliable media and upgrading the media by laying additional 4000 Route Km. Of Optical Fibre Cable.
- v) Providing WLL facilities to all the 21159 uncovered villages for opening new VPTs, replacing faulty MARR VPTs and providing telephone lines to needy persons.
- vi) Opening of Internet Nodes at district H/Q and Internet Dhabas at block head quarters.
- vii) Providing mobile telephone services in Bihar.